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CLEANLINESS OF RAILWAY TRACKS AND STATIONARY COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether railway tracks and stationary coaches are misused for defecating by vendors and persons living around the stations;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the railway staff responsible for maintaining cleanliness has taken any steps to check this menace;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the extent of success achieved;

(e) whether any decision has been taken to assign the cleaning of tracks and trains to private contractors; and

(f) if so, the details thereof along with terms and conditions?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. At some Metropolitan cities tracks are misused for defecating by vendors and persons living around these areas.

(c) & (d): The staff for track maintenance and inspections have their limitations and therefore are not in a position to control it. Outside agencies has also been engaged but it was not found very successful. It only shifted the location from one line to other.

(e) & (f): Yes, Sir. The work of track cleanliness to the extent of facilitating working by maintenance personnel is being got done through private agencies/individuals at selected locations like approaches of major cities where the problem of deposition of night soil in track is more acute.

Similarly, to further improve upon the standards of cleanliness and hygiene in trains, certain areas have been outsourced to Professional agencies.